

# FNS GAZETTE

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Outdoor Education takes learning outside the classroom and sometimes leads us to magical places like this creek near Lake Fayetteville.

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## Dates to know:

May 12<sup>th</sup>- Flower Moon  
May 14<sup>th</sup>- Last day @Lake Fay  
May 15<sup>th</sup>- First day back@FNS  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> - FNS Spring Fest & Graduation  
May 26<sup>th</sup>- CLOSED  
May 30<sup>th</sup>- Last day of school!

Happy Birthday!!

May 6<sup>th</sup> - Benji

May 25<sup>th</sup> -Nora

## Earth School...

Earth Day in April encourages us to reflect on our mission to provide whole-child education rooted in nature. We aim to nurture children's curiosity while teaching stewardship of the environment.. Our curriculum seamlessly weaves environmental awareness across all subjects. The month of May always encourages reflection as well. A great time as a school to check in and ask for feedback. Please take a moment to fill out our Parent Survey linked in Brightwheel. ✨



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## Ask a student:

*"What is your favorite thing about your classroom?"*

**Cai** - "Magnets!"

**Nora** - "I like playing with daisy and working on my orange folder!"

**Julia** - "...when its sunny, we get to do our works on the deck!"

**Sonny** - "Division with the golden beads. "

**Atlas** - " I like that we can go outside... "

**Jameson**- "Math materials."



Nature portraits

## What we're reading:

Kindergarten has been reading a new chapter book called, *Clementine's Letter* while still enjoying the Junie B. Jones series.

The Owls classroom finished reading *The Wild Robot* together and have started a new read aloud, *BFG* by Roald Dahl. They also read a Creek origin story and a book about Sacagawea.

We ❤️ Reading!



## Research in the Classroom

In a Montessori elementary classroom, research is a student-driven process that supports curiosity, independence, and deep learning. Sparked by broad, story-based lessons, children choose their own topics to explore. The teacher acts as a guide, helping students develop questions and access resources as needed. This approach builds critical thinking, communication, and executive functioning skills while integrating multiple subjects.



Group research

## PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**PAINTING** - We are painting the exterior of the school house! We'd love help May 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>.

**PLAY SPACE UPDATE**- Looking for help removing invasive species and building paths around our play space at our home location. We'd love help May 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>.

**DECK** - We have hired out the deck.



**EVENT PLANNING** - Our end of year celebration will also be a kindergarten graduation and transition ceremony for upper Owls. Event is May 23<sup>rd</sup>.